

Amendments to the specification:

Please note that all page numbers and line numbers herein refer to the concurrently filed English language translation of the Japanese language specification.

Please amend the title of the application as follows.

“MINUS STRAND RNA ~~VIRUS~~ VIRAL VECTOR VECTORS CARRYING A GENE
~~MODIFIED IN HIGH MUTATION REGION~~ WITH ALTERED HYPERMUTABLE
REGIONS”

Please insert the following heading and paragraph at page 1, line 5.

Cross-Reference to Related Applications

This application is the U.S. National Stage Application of International Application Number PCT/JP2004/009617, filed June 30, 2004, which, in turn, claims the benefit of Japanese Patent Application Serial Number 2003-187312, filed June 30, 2003.

Please amend page 12, line 34 through page, 13 line 1 as follows:

For example, Sendai virus E sequences include 3'-UNAUUCUUUUU-5' (N is any one of A, G, U, and C) (SEQ ID NO: 59; see Fig. 42), and human parainfluenza virus type 3 (HPIV-3) E sequences include 3'-UWWYWBUEUUUU-5' (~~N is any one of A, G, T, and C~~) (~~SEQ ID NO: 60~~), which specifically includes 3'-UUAUUCUUUUU-5' (SEQ

ID NO: 61), 3'-UAUUAGUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 62), 3'-UAAUAUUUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 63), 3'-UUAUAUUUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 64), and 3'-UAUCUGUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 65) (Genbank accession X03967, M13886, M13888, and M21649).

Measles virus E sequences include YRAUWHNUUUU (SEQ ID NO: 66), which specifically includes 3'-CAAUAUUUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 67), 3'-UAAUAUUUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 68), 3'-UGAUUUGUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 69), 3'-CAAUAAAUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 70), 3'-UAAUUCUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 71), and 3'-UAAUUUCUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 72) (Genbank accession K01711).

Hendravirus E sequences include 3'-WAAKYUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 73), which specifically includes 3'-UAAUUCUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 74) and 3'-

AAAUGUUUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 75). Nipahvirus E sequences include 3'-UAAUUCUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 76; Genbank accession AF017149 and AF212302).

The E sequence of RSV includes 3'-AWKWWUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 77), which specifically includes 3'-AUUAUAUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 78), 3'-AUUAAAUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 79), 3'-AUUAUUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 80), 3'-AUGUUUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 81), 3'-AUUAAUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 82), 3'-AUGAAUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 83), 3'-AAUAUAUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 84), 3'-AAUAAAUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 85), and 3'-AAUAAUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 86) (Genbank accession M74568). SV5 E sequences include 3'-ARWWUCU₄₋₇-5' (SEQ ID NOs: 87, 88, 89, and 90), which specifically includes 3'-AGUAUCU₄₋₇-5' (SEQ ID NOs: 91, 92, 93, and 94),

3'-AAAUUCU₄₋₇-5' (SEQ ID NOs: 92, 93, 94, and 95), and NDV E sequences include 3'-AWUCUUUUUU-5' (SEQ ID NO: 96) (Kuo L *et al.*, J Virol. 1996, 70(10): 6892-901; Kuo L *et al.*, J Virol. 1996, 70(9): 6143-50).”

Please replace the Sequence Listing found in the English language translation of PCT/JP2004/009617 with the enclosed paper copy of the Sequence Listing provided with the concurrently filed Statement Under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.821 – 1.825.